

and I am telling you members of the Convention that this is a very serious vote and a vote to keep this clause out of the Constitution could conceivably defeat the Constitution. I am just urging you to vote for this provision.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Kosakowski.

DELEGATE KOSAKOWSKI: Mr. President and delegates of this Convention: What is a legislator for if not to bear pressures from people? You speak about pressures. What has happened right within this Convention? If it is the will of the people, the will shall speak.

I think we all have a responsibility here. Do not let anybody tell you the old bugaboo of Mafia and gamblers running all over the State of Maryland. That type of a statement is a scary one.

When I asked for a division of this section, Mr. President and my fellow delegates, I did it not to delay this Convention. All I wanted as my right as a delegate here is to be given the last consideration on a vote. We are not voting for or against lottery. We are voting for the principle of whether or not this provision should be in this Constitution. And as the votes were taken yesterday, today, and many other days, I have seen delegates change their mind. Do not let anyone scare you or threaten you with the old bugaboos.

I guess I, like anyone else, get emotional on some issues as others have shown. I guess you cannot help yourself, but I ask the delegates here in all fairness and with your good judgment and wisdom to consider this. I see here in this assembly at this Convention, Mr. President, some of the best minds of this State and of this nation.

I cherish that I am a delegate at this Convention, and I was willing to go out and sell this Convention whether or not I got my lottery bill, and I will still do it regardless of the outcome of this vote, but we all speak of fairness. Do not become mesmerized any longer. Please vote your conscience.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Ulrich.

DELEGATE ULRICH: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of this Convention, I implore you to leave this in the Constitution. I am a resident of this county. It is a gambling county. The gambling in this county has been a cancer on our growth. I sat in the balcony the night the slot machine bill came up for a final

vote. I know who was in the balcony. Delegates on this floor were afraid for their lives when they voted to phase out the slot machines. Since the phaseout bill there has been watering down, and, believe me, ladies and gentlemen, I will believe that those slot machines are gone when they are gone. They are supposed to be gone by the first of July of this year. I will believe it when they are gone, not before.

I implore you to leave this in the Constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of this Convention, I am neither for or against a lottery, but I am unequivocally opposed to putting a ban of this type into our Constitution. In my very humble opinion, this Constitution is in trouble in certain areas of the State because we do not know what it is going to cost. We are aware of the fact that it is going to cost a great deal, and in my opinion if we would delete this section from the Constitution, we would pick up far, far, far more votes than we would lose if we would leave it in. Let us keep the issue as clear as we possibly can.

This section, if we leave it in the Constitution, neither prohibits nor permits slot machines. It has not a thing to do with slot machines or gambling of any type. The only thing it prohibits is a state-operated lottery. It just prohibits the citizens of this State to possibly raise the necessary funds in the future, in the distant future I submit, to pay for this Constitution and to pay for the provisions of this Constitution.

I earnestly urge you to delete this section from the Constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate James Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Mr. President and members of the Convention, I rise to ask you to keep this provision in the constitution. I would like to emphasize and underscore the statements made by my colleague from Harford County here. He has been around a long time, and what he has said I know to be true, and I think if we delete this provision at this time, we are playing Russian roulette with this document. I think it is too great a chance to take, and I beg of you to keep this provision in the Constitution.

THE PRESIDENT: Does any other delegate desire to speak in opposition?